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The Iowa State Historical Society
Genealogical Department
Des Moines, Iowa

The enclosed typewritten outline
"SEVEN GENERATIONS of the STRANAHAN FAMILY in AMERICA"
together with a VERTICAL CHART and a biographical
reference list.

are sent to the genealogical department of the State
Historical Society of Iowa - as a record of the ancestry
of my grandfather, LOREN MARTIN⁵, STRANAHAN (1831- 1919)
who came from Rock County, Wisconsin, to Fayette County,
Iowa in 1850.

Stranahan names in generation 2 and 3 are compiled
from the 1868 genealogy mentioned on sheet 2 of this
outline.

Names in generations 1, 4, 5 and 6 are based on an
early chart compiled by Elizabeth (Stranahan) Stevenson,
(1858 - 1924).

Seventh generation Stranahan descendants are listed
on the enclosed Vertical Chart for

Sarah⁵ (Pangburn) Rice

George⁵ Pangburn

Rebecca⁵ (Stranahan) Rice

Elizabeth⁶ (Stranahan) Stevenson

In so far as we know, our Fayette County branch of the
family includes the only known descendants in this part of
northeastern Iowa, at the present time.

Very truly yours,

Nellie Irene Stevenson
(Mrs) Nellie I Stevenson

Fayette, Iowa

Seven Generations
of
THE STRANAHAN FAMILY IN AMERICA
including the
Pangburn, Van Vleck and Mc Kee Descendants.

A brief outline based on a chart and other genealogical notes collected by her mother, Mrs William R. Stevenson (Elizabeth Stranahan Stevenson) 1858-1924.

" Strahan, Strachen, Stranahan, are supposed to be one and the same. They took their origin from the Parish of Strachan, Kincardine Co. Scotland." "

Family 1.

1

Ancestor 1. " JAMES STRANAHAN, founder of the Stranahan family in the United States, was born in the North of Ireland in 1699, whence he emigrated in 1725, to New England. He purchased lands in Scituate, Rhode Island in October 18 and November 29, 1745. He was a prosperous and intelligent farmer and died in Plainfield, Conn., January 8, 1792, aged 93 years." *

FAMILY 2

2
 4. WILLIAM STRANAHAN, sr. (son of James ¹) was born "in 1739. Removed with his brother John before the Revolution (American) to Canaan, Columbia County, New York, where both brothers settled and married. He was a thrifty farmer and a man of great enterprise" *

Children:

- 5. William Jr. ³ - - - - see Family 3.
- 6. James ³
- 7. Rhoda ³
- 8. Samuel ³ - -----had a son, Martin
- 9. Betsy ³ - m. Pelig Millington --- Family 4.
- 10. Catherine ³
- 11. Elsie ³

* Note:

See "Genealogies of the Stranahan, Josselyn, Fitch, and Dow families in North America" Brooklyn, New York. Privately printed in 1868. Contains no copyright notice. 126 pages. In 1937 listed in genealogical catalog \$ 20.00.

In 1929 Mrs Grace Van Vleck Bothwell of #121 9th St. Troy, New York, copied above quoted data from a copy of the volume in Library of the University of State of New York at Albany, for Nellie I Stevenson, who afterwards examined a copy of the same genealogy in Newberry Library, Chicago, Illinois.

A search of New York state records might indicate ² Revolutionary service in this Stranahan family. William was 30 years of age in 1775 and possibly his son William ³ was old enough to enlist. But Judge F E Stranahan of Montana stated later that he believes James ² Stranahan was the only one in the Revolutionary War.

FAMILY 3

3 2 1

5. WILLIAM STRANAHAN, Jr. (William) (James)

Born in Canaan, Columbia County, New York and spent his entire life on a farm in that county. Married Margaret Salts (Saltz) who was born 10 June, 1786 and died 27 Oct 1869. She went west with her son George (# 20) but lived only a short time. Buried on his family lot in Grandview Cemetery, Fayette, Ia. Her marble tablet memorial is located on west side of cemetery, west of Hulbert and south of Johnson stones.

Children:

- 4
12. Eliza, m. John Wyant; a dau. Elizabeth.
- 4
13. William ~~Jr~~^{b.}, 20 June 1806 - - - Family 5.
- 4
14. Charles H. - - m. Emeline Blackman " 6.
- 4
15. Allen, m. Elizabeth Van Vleck " 7.
- 4
16. Amanda Sabrina, b. 10 Mar 1819, d. 1906 - " 8.
 m. Wm Pangburn (1820-1910)
- 4
17. Helen Jane, m. Adrian Bunker Van Vleck - " 9.
- 4
18. Catherine Janet, m. Sydney Mc Kee - - " 10.
- 4
19. Lafayette, b. # 3 Sept 1824
 m. (1) Abbie Barden, (2) Louisa Servoss-- " 11.
- 4
20. George, (b. 1824-1896) m. Maria Jordon - " 12.
- 4
21. Darius B., m. ---- Sarah Lewis - " 13.

Stranahan

FAMILY 5.

4
13. WILLIAM STRANAHAN, ~~III~~ (son of Wm) (Wm) (James)
3 2 1

Born 20 June 1806, Columbia County, New York. Farmer.
Removed in 1827 to Essex County, New York.
Removed in 1845 to Rock County, Wisconsin, where he
entered land from the government. Farmer until 1854
when he and his wife came to Fayette, County, Iowa,
with their son, Lorin M. Stranahan. He died that
same year (1854.) 4

In approximately 1829 William married Miss Dorcas
Fisher - possibly in Clinton County, New York. She died
in 1857.

Children:

5
22. Lorin Martin Stranahan

Born 13 July 1831 - - - Family 14.

5
23. Rebecca Stranahan

Born 28 April 1834 - - Family 15.
Married 20 Nov 1850, Bradley Rice
who was born 16 June 1829.

FAMILY 14

5 4 3 2) 1
 22. LORIN MARTIN STRANAHAN (son of Wm) (Wm) (Wm) (James)

Born 13 July 1831 in Canaan, Columbia County, New York. In 1845 removed with his parents from Essex County N.Y. to Rock County, Wisconsin. Attended Beloit College in 1849 and 1850. Visited Fayette County, Iowa in 1850 and made a claim near West Union, but returned to Wisconsin that winter to teach school. Came to Iowa again in 1853 and purchased from the government 100 acres of timber land in Fairfield Township and 160 acres of prairie land. The latter was near a settlement known as "Cornhill" in Smithfield Township and became the family homestead. His youngest son - Warren - owned this farm in later years, residing on it from 189 until he sold it March, 1931 to Fred W. Chapman.

In the winter of 1853 Lorin Stranahan taught school in Illinois. The following year, 1854, he returned to Fayette County, Iowa, accompanied by his parents (see William⁴). Lorin Stranahan had purchased this land with money earned as a teacher and he continued teaching winters, after locating on his homestead. His own older children were among his pupils. At first, the school was held in a granary on his farm, afterwards in a schoolhouse erected a bit east of his home, and later on, in a different schoolhouse erected by the district on the southwest corner of his home farm. Here his son William and his older daughter, Lizzie, also taught in the 1870's.

In 1892 Mr Stranahan removed to the town of Fayette, Fayette County, Iowa, where he lived until his death, April 19, 1919. Buried in Granaview Cemetery, Fayette.

Married:

1. Sarah Ann Cockrell of St Charles County, Mo. March 6, 1856. (She was born 21 August 1833 in Northumberland County, Virginia; died 11 January 1885. Buried at Fayette.)

(See next sheet for list of their
Children)

2. Mary B. Brooks, 25 May 1887. (She b. 12 Oct. 1851; d. 21 Jan 1924 at Newburg, Oregon No children.)

FAMILY 14 (continued)

5

22. LORIN MARTIN STRANAHAN (1831-1919)

Married Sarah Ann Cockrell (1833-1885)

Children:

6

24. William Lyttleton, b. 9 Dec 1856;
 m. 1880, Emily Moore of Sedgwick Co.
 Kansas - - - - - Family 16

6

25. Elizabeth, b. 30 May 1858;
 m. 1878, William B. Stevenson of
 Fayette County, Iowa --- Family 17

6

26. Nellie, b. 20 Oct 1861; d. 9 March 1944
 at Pasadena, California.
 m. 1890, Winfield Moine of Fayette
 County, Iowa. - - - Family 18

6

27. Thomas

28. Joseph, Twins, b. 17 Mar 1865;
 d. in infancy.

29. Lorin Seymore, b. 30 May 1867M
 d. 25 Oct 1888. Unmarried.

6

30. Frank Elmore, b. 30 May 1867; d. 17 Dec
 1933; m. 8 June 1897 Lida
 Mitchell Bogert of Fayette Co.
 Family 19

31. Warren Albert, b. 6 Jan 1873;
 m. 21 Feb 1894 Ada May Homewood of
 Fayette County, Iowa - - Family 20
 Resident of Fayette, Iowa in 1951.

Note:

A complete list of the descendants of Lorin M. and Sarah Cockrell Stranahan is given in "Descendants of Lyttleton Cockrell, Jr." (1802-1877), published at Fayette, Iowa, in 1922 by their older daughter, Elizabeth Stranahan Stevenson (Mrs William B. Stevenson).

FAMILY 17.

25. ELIZABETH STRANAHAN (Lorin M.) 6 5 4 3 2 1
 (William) (Wm) (Wm²) (James).

Born 30 May 1858; Died 12 Feb 1924 at Fayette, Iowa.

Married 25 March 1878, William Buchanan Stevenson who was b. 20 May 1853 in Sandusky County, Ohio; d. 17 March 1931 at Fayette, Iowa. His parents, Thomas W.B. and Ellen D. Comstock Stevenson were pioneer settlers in Fayette County, Iowa.

William B. and Elizabeth (Lizzie) Stevenson lived in Harper County, Kansas from 1879 to 1889, where William had preempted 160 acres of Indian Trust Land in Pilot Knob Township.

Children:

32. Oliver Warren Stevenson 7

b. 22 Jan 1879 on the Stevenson homestead in Smithfield Township, Fayette CO. Iowa.
 d. 23 April 1944 at Fayette, Iowa
 m. 20 May 1908, Imogen Emma Cobb of Fayette.
 PhB Upper Iowa University 1901
 LLB University of Iowa 1905
 Attorney at Law, Fayette
 No children

33. Nellie Irene Stevenson 7

b. 22 July 1881 in Pilot Knob Township, Harper County, Kansas.
 PhB Upper Iowa University 1905, Fayette.
 Unmarried. Resident of Fayette 1889 -

List of
Stranahan biographical sketches
as published in Fayette County, Iowa

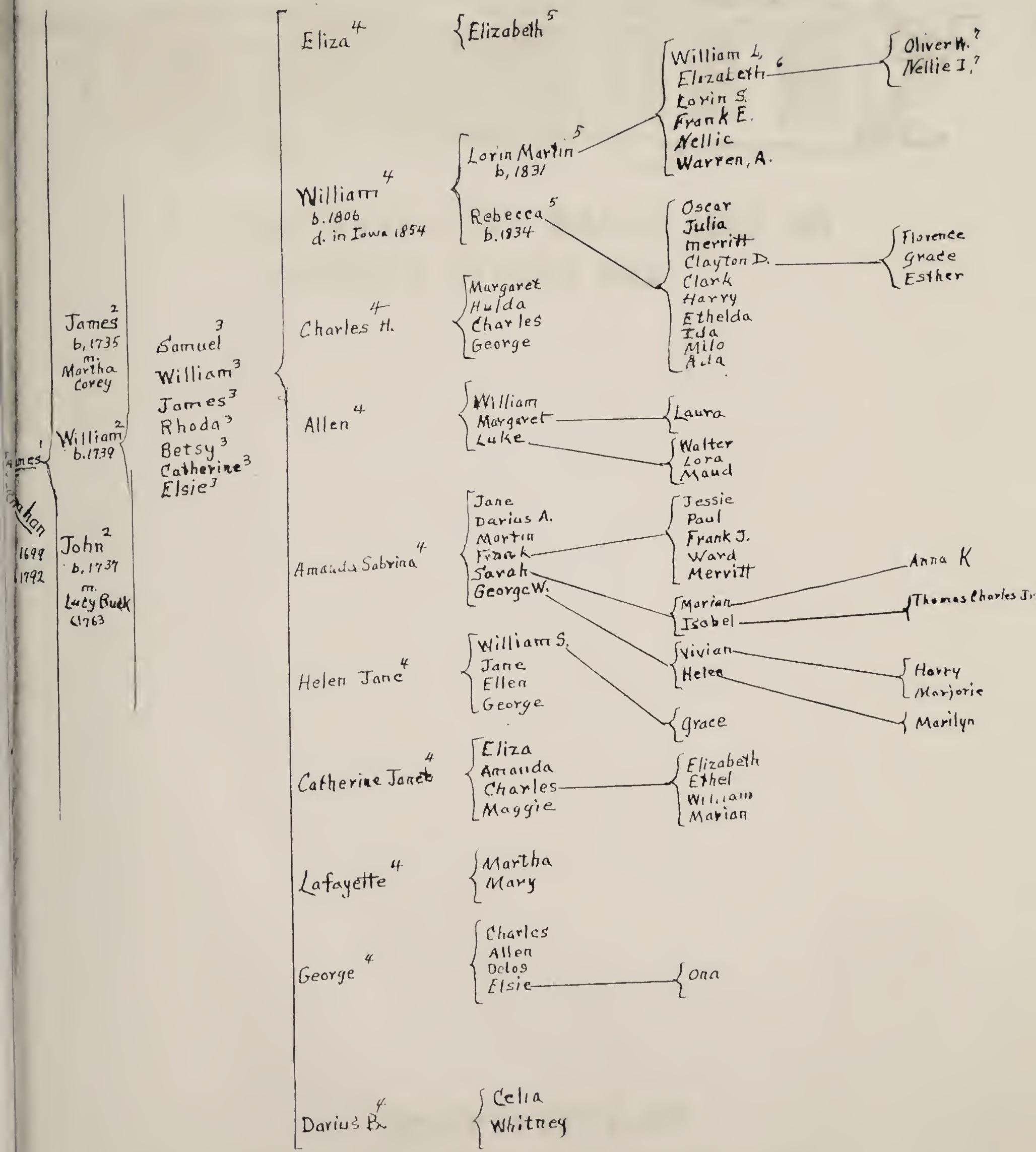
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Sketch and photograph of Lorin M Stranahan, Page 688.
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Sketch of Lorin M Stranahan- page 200.
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Obituaries:

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Lorin M Stranahan, issue of April 24, 1919.
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1944.

Descendants of James' Stranahan (1699-1792)

Compiled by Elizabeth (Stranahan) Stevenson of Fayette, Iowa.
(1858-1924)



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